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Commissioner Paula Brooks Letter to the Editor

Re: Big Step for Rickenbacker

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your editorial today entitled, *Big Step for Rickenbacker*. As the longest serving Franklin County Commissioner, I have seen this project through year in and year out, since 2005.

During the Great Recession, we were very concerned that our county dollars had become much scarcer due to a plummeting sales tax. Nevertheless, we stayed the course and continued our investment in this central Ohio jobs generator. I am so pleased to see that Rickenbacker is this year showing a \$1.67 million surplus. Indeed, as Chair of International Economic Development at the National Association of Counties, I worked with business leaders from around our nation who support the export import policy that further aids Rickenbacker.

It takes a lot of work and collaboration to make such a project successful. First, I want to thank the county's taxpayers along with our savvy management staff and board of directors for the authority who have stayed the course. Also, we thank the businesses that are Rickenbacker's customers! In due time, the 20,000 jobs we projected for central Ohio has in fact materialized. There is no better return on investment than jobs for our people here in Franklin County. Here's to continued success and job growth!

Paula Brooks
Franklin County Commissioner
Board President 2006, 2009, and 2012

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